



Draft Annual Work Programme of the Helpdesk for 2017

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1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

- Guidance: **Evaluation of innovation (TWG- 4); Assessment of RDP impacts in 2019 (TWG-5)**
- Working Paper Evaluation-related queries

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

- Good Practice Workshops (e.g. on **Evaluation and National Rural Networks**)
- Good Practice collection

3. Better evaluation capacity

- Training on **evaluation of LEADER/CLLD**
- Training on **evaluation of NRNs**
- Other training activities

4. Further developed M&E system

- Assessment of the impl. of Evaluation Plans (**Synthesis of evaluation components included in AIR submitted in 2017**)

5. Well-organized evaluation related events

- Evaluation-related input for Expert Group meetings, ENRD events, NRN meetings, other events

6. Up to date communication on evaluation topics

- Rural Evaluation NEWS no. 6, 7, 8
- Evaluation Helpdesk website - revamped
- Other publications

Improve the evaluation of EU RD policy

(≈Art. 52.2.d.)



TWG-4 „Evaluation of innovation“ (Q1-3)

Objective: Develop support for the evaluation of innovation

- **FRAMING:** How is innovation rooted in RD policy? What needs to be evaluated? Which evaluation elements do we have?
- **OBSERVE PRACTICES:** How is innovation defined and operationalized in different RDPs? What evaluation practices are used in the Member States?
- **PROVIDE CONCEPTUAL CLARIFICATIONS :** How to assess innovation as priority and as cross-cutting objective? Role of secondary contributions?
- **SHOW PRACTICAL TOOLS** for the evaluation of innovation.

Expected outcome: *Guidance and support material for Member States*



TWG-5 „Assessment of RDP impacts in 2019“ (Q4)

Objective: Develop support for the evaluation activities necessary for the Annual Implementation Report to be submitted in 2019

- **Focus of AIR 2019:**
 - Progress towards the objectives of the programme and
 - Contributions to achieving the Union strategy
- **Provide practical help for:**
 - assessing the impacts of RDPs
 - purpose and use of the impact indicators
 - linkages between RD policy and other policies and factors which affect impact indicator values,
 - proposed methods for estimating the net effect of RD interventions

Expected outcome: *Guidance and support material for Member States*



Good Practice Workshops

Workshop no. 5 (Q1): Evaluation and National Rural Networks

- How can NRNs support the evaluation at RDP and LAG-level?
- How are NRN activities evaluated?

Workshop no. 6 and 7 (Q2-4):

- Topics still to be defined!
- *Please send suggestions to info@ruralevaluation.eu*

Expected outcome: Workshop reports



Capacity building events

Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD (Q1-Q2)

- Evaluation at RDP level
- Evaluation at LAG level

Evaluation of National Rural Networks (ongoing)

- Transnational training sessions in the context of NRN meetings

Expected outcome: capacity building material



Synthesis of evaluation components integrated in the AIR submitted in 2017 (Q2-3)

Objective: Provide an overview of the achievements of EU rural development policy

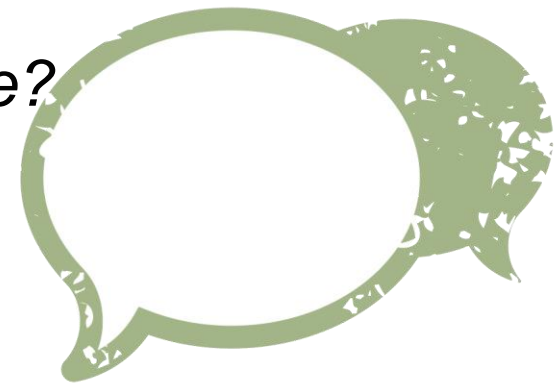
- Synthetise key information contained in AIR section 7.
- Focus on:
 - Results achieved in relation to each focus area and priority
 - Answers to common evaluation questions no. 1-21

Expected outcome: Working paper



Questions

1. Do the activities of the AWP 2017 **correspond to your needs**?
2. Are there any **other evaluation-related needs** or topics to be addressed?
3. Is the **timing** of the activities appropriate?





Thank you for your attention!

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